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## WEST VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL TROUT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia** – The total value of fish sold for 2018 was 1.01 million dollars. In 2017, the commercial trout producers in West Virginia had a total value of fish sold of 1.07 million dollars for the 12 month period from January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017.

**The number of trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2018 totaled 450,000 fish, down from 590,000 fish in 2017. The average price per pound was \$2.31, up from \$2.03 per pound in 2017. The value of sales for the 2018 marketing year was 1.01 million dollars, down from 1.05 million dollars in 2017. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**The number of distributed trout 12 inches and longer** during 2018 totaled 380,000 fish. The average value per pound was \$3.04 in 2018. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 1.17 million dollars for 2018. Data for 2017 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**The number of distributed trout 6" - 12"** during 2017 totaled 400,000 fish. The average value per pound was \$3.00 in 2017. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 636 thousand dollars for 2017. Data for 2018 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Data for distributed trout size 1" - 6" were not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 2.7 million dollars, up from 2.6 million dollars in 2017.

**Trout losses** in 2018 totaled 11,000 pounds, down from the 2017 total of 17,000 pounds. The number of trout lost in 2018 totaled 91,000 fish, up from the 2017 total of 64,000 fish.

**United States** – The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 100 million dollars for 2018, a decrease of 10 percent from 2017. Idaho accounted for 40 percent of the total value of fish sold.

**The number of trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2018 totaled 35.8 million fish, down 13 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.91, the same as 2017. The value of sales for the 2018 marketing year was 91 million dollars, down 12 percent from 2017. For trout 12 inches or longer, 41 percent were sold to processors.

**The number of 6"- 12" trout** sold during 2018 totaled 8.05 million fish, an increase of 25 percent from 2017. The average price per pound was \$3.60 during 2018, down 9 percent from the 2017 price. The total value of sales was 7.86 million dollars during 2018, a 5 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 52 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 28 percent.

**The number of 1"- 6" trout** sold during 2017 totaled 6.72 million, an increase of 4 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$197 during 2018, up from \$196 in 2017. The total value of sales was 1.33 million dollars, up 4 percent from last year's total.

**Distributed Trout** - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 8.07 million 12" or longer fish, 62.0 million 6"- 12" fish, and 53.1 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 129 million dollars, down 3 percent from 2017.

**Trout Losses** - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 29.1 million fish during 2017. Disease accounted for 92 percent of these losses.

### TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs), 2017-2018

State	12" and longer		6"-12" Size		1"- 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	Thousand Dollars							
AR <sup>1/</sup>								
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*	3,854	*
CO	3,455	2,695	*	*	*	*	3,706	2,978
GA	*	*	*	45	*	*	*	*
ID	50,400	39,960	*	*	*	*	50,418	40,290
MI	*	*	*	109	*	*	1,492	1,511
MO	1,740	*	*	*	*	*	2,819	*
NY	*	*	122	210	*	*	569	732
NC	7,885	7,600	*	*	*	*	9,111	8,790
OR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	4,879	5,136	1,322	1,213	75	95	6,276	6,444
UT	550	385	*	*	*	*	694	443
VA	1,577	1,577	*	*	*	*	1,747	1,733
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WV	1,045	1,005	*	*	*	*	1,066	1,005
WI	1,569	1,314	*	*	*	*	1,694	1,468
Other States <sup>2/</sup>	29,637	31,111	6,008	6,283	1,194	1,231	28,012	34,575
<b>United States</b>	<b>102,737</b>	<b>90,783</b>	<b>7,452</b>	<b>7,860</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>111,458</b>	<b>99,969</b>
<sup>1/</sup> Arkansas reported trout only for distribution and no sales. <sup>2/</sup> Other States include State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure. * Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.								